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Q. Please provide an update on the fighting and UN peace efforts in Rwanda, including the current situation with Iqbal Riza. Did he get in? What did he do?

A. -- UN SOURCES REPORT THAT RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUED TO BATTLE YESTERDAY FOR CONTROL OF KIGALI, THUS IGNORING THE 36-HOUR CEASEFIRE WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEGUN YESTERDAY MORNING. AT LEAST FIVE MORTAR ROUNDS FELL ON THE UNAMIR COMPOUND IN KIGALI, BUT NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE REPORTED. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES NEAR THE CITIES OF RUHENGERI IN THE NORTH AND GITARAMA IN THE SOUTH.

-- THE UN DEPUTY HEAD FOR PEACEKEEPING, MR. IQBAL RIZA, ARRIVED IN RWANDA YESTERDAY AND MET WITH RPF LEADERS AT MULINDI, A REBEL STRONGHOLD IN NORTHERN RWANDA. HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO KIGALI YESTERDAY BY ROAD WERE THWARTED BY SECURITY CONCERNS. HE DID, HOWEVER, ARRANGE ALTERNATIVE CONNECTIONS BY AIR AND ARRIVED IN KIGALI THIS MORNING. HE PLANS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS THERE.

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